Media Monitoring - Corruption in Paraguay

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Project Title	Media Monitoring - Corruption in Paraguay
Project Summary	Look for information in public information sources (mainly online media) for stories about corruption in Paraguay, especially in the government but also in the private sector or other entities. Monitor social media for stories about corruption and share with the Embassy.
Country	Paraguay

Project Description

The U.S. Embassy in Paraguay's top priority is helping Paraguayans to combat corruption in their country. In recent years, they have made headway, but they still have far to go. Many major corruption cases are pending in the judicial system and new ones are being added all the time. The Embassy has an internal tracking system for corruption cases, but is seeking help in monitoring public information sources to ensure that the tracking system is continually updated. This internship will involve monitoring online information sources for new articles about corruption cases and providing that information (in a pre-determined format) to the Embassy on a weekly basis. It will also include social media monitoring, characterizing the online conversation about transparency and corruption issues, also on a weekly basis. This internship would be perfect for a student with strong Spanish skills (especially reading) and some familiarity with Latin American political science.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Research

Additional Information

This is an open-ended project - you will get some guidance from the Embassy but much of the design and research will be up to you! We're looking for a self-starter who is deeply interested in Latin America and political issues. Paraguay is a fascinating case study of a relatively new democracy (1989) combating many of

the issues that are common in the rest of the region. The Embassy team is committed to making this a positive experience for our interns!

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Spanish	Minimum professional proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Required